

# Town Assembly Advisory Meeting - September 22 | 2014

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Attendees: Bill Theis, Carol Larson, Jeffrey Politis, Al Marks, Mike Curtis, Ray Seigfried, Cookie Ohlson, Lisa Mullinax, Steven Threefoot, Danny Schweers, Dorinda Ozer, Ed Rohrbach, Barbara Henry

## **Call to Order**

Advisory Chair, Bill Theis, called the meeting to order at 7: 34 P.M.

**Minutes** Town Assembly June 2, 2014 minutes approved as presented.

## **New Residents**

**Recognition of the Departed** Bessie F Southwell

## **Visitors**

**Communications**: Danny Schweers ,Town Assembly Chair

Stage - Certificate of occupancy for stage was approved. Swap of leaseholds was approved and it is revocable.

Municipal Street Aid – approved

State Audit – Audit performed with no exceptions.

## Town Meeting Structure

The June Town Meeting tone was not appropriate and was replete with pettiness. Suggestions on creating civility: 1) Questions pertaining to Committees Report be limited to clarifications of report. No interrogations, accusations, or negativity. 2) Direct further discussion to the committee. 3) Manage meeting by staying on course. 4) Set time limits. 5) As part of Advisory meeting plan when a motion will be presented. 6) Point of order to give discussion form. If a discussion is too long, stop discussion and put it into a motion to possibly be addressed under new business depending on nature of motion.

**Trustees Report** – .Mike Curtis:

2101 Marsh Lane – NCC condemned leasehold. Trustees, Community Planning and Arden's legal counsel are working with NCC to move this along and to have building demolished.

**Treasurer's Report** – David Michelson (Absent)

**Advisory Committee Report** – Bill Theis

Three nominees' assessors.

Break into houses.

**Board of Assessors** – Garry Quinn (Absent)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives**– Lisa Mullinax

Regular updates will be provided.

Tomorrow meeting one week early because curator is out of town.

**Audit**– Cookie Ohlson

Final audit was received. Wednesday meeting is scheduled to review audit report and will present findings to town.

**Budget** – Jeffrey Politis

Referendum and committees budget will be presented.

**Buzz Ware Village Center** – Steven Threefoot

Energy Credit Proposal - Suggest twenty year annuity instead of auction process.

Rental Rate - Continue to meet in order to establish rental rate structure

Documentation - Located and provided to Arden Legal counsel and to the other Ardens the BWVC founding documents from 1973 and the non- voting members documentation from 1975. Need to define roll of the non- voting members.

Art Loop – BWVC committee is interested in sponsoring event and they are very interested in continuing with public art.

**Civic Committee**–Ed Rohrbach

No motions

Report will provide regular update on routine road work and cutting trees. A mistake of a tree will be reported.

**Community Planning**– Ray Seigfried

Motions “Memorial Gardens will be moved back under the Community Planning Committee as an official sub-committee.” Should be presented by advisory because they presented original”

Motion to adopt policy: CPC will also be bringing the conflict of interest policy before town for a vote. There is one more public meeting two weeks from now. The focus of the Conflict of Interest Policy is on decisions made in conflict and not the individual.

Community Planning will discuss and consider if they want to support a formalized community garden.

Issues to be considered are:

Is a community garden considered exclusive use of common area?

All residents must have opportunity to participate if they choose. If limited garden lots, then offer lottery system.

No permanent planting. Each year redefine lot size and redistribute. Reassign.

**Forest**– Carol Larson

No motions

Report on regular business.

Committee is planning on applying for a tree grant.

DNRC storm water planning. State financing requirements are that they will reimburse the town after the town pays expenses of approximately \$25,000. Carol will discuss financing with Budget Committee and with Town Chair on appropriate procedure to request funds and reporting funds to the town.

**Playground:** Al Marks

Report will cover regular business (i.e. Benches, swings, mulch, safety, etc.)

Presentation:

Present to the town a comprehensive playground concept drawing so the community has a visual understand of what is being proposed. The committee wants to get a sense / feedback as to what the community would like. If the town is interested in the concept presented, then at the January Town Assembly they will prepare and present to the town a full detailed proposal.

**Registration**– Cecilia Vore (absent) Barbara Henry attended

Reviewed current committee members and Nominations.

**Safety** - Brook Bovard (Absent)

**Old Business-**

**New Business**

**Good & Welfare**

Playground will provide refreshments.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Resko

Village Town Secretary